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PLANNING COMMISSION BRIEFING MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2, 2014



A briefing meeting of the Planning Commission of Clarke County, Virginia, was held at the Berryville/Clarke County Government Center, Berryville, Virginia, on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

ATTENDANCE

George L. Ohrstrom, II, Chair; Anne Caldwell, Vice Chair; Randy Buckley; Scott Kreider; Doug Kruhm; Frank Lee; Cliff Nelson; John Staelin and Jon Turkel.

Absent: Robina Bouffault

Staff Present: Brandon Stidham, Planning Director; Alison Teetor, Natural Resources Planner; and Jesse Russell, Zoning Administrator.

CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Ohrstrom called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Mr. Stidham reported that Gwendolyn Malone had been appointed to the Commission by the Board of Supervisors to fill Chip Steinmetz's seat as the Berryville District representative. He noted that she will be attending but would not be voting at the Commission meeting on December 5.

The Commission reviewed the items on the agenda for the December 5, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Russell provided the Commission with an update on the New Cingular Wireless monopole special use permit and site plan application including the request by the applicant's engineer for an indefinite deferral.

Old Business Items

Ms. Teetor reported that the Department of Environmental Quality has issued an air permit to Trelleborg for their new facility in the Business Park. She also asked the members whether interest remained in evaluating the current Business Park District for uses that could potentially require state air permits in the future. The members agreed by consensus to have the Policy/CIP subcommittee evaluate the current list of uses and to set up a subcommittee meeting in January after the Commission's organizational meeting.

Mr. Russell provided additional information on the Commission's study of brewery regulations including a clarification of Code of Virginia requirements. He also reported on the Economic Development Advisory Commission's motion to recommend the establishment of breweries and cideries regulations for economic development purposes.

The members agreed to assign this issue to a subcommittee consisting of Chair Ohrstrom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Kruhm, and Mr. Kreider. Mr. Stidham recommended that the subcommittee begin by visiting the Backroom Brewery in Warren County, a relatively new facility that was approved by special use

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permit that Warren County recently added to their zoning ordinance. Mr. Stidham added that the facility has elements that would be helpful to evaluate, and stated that he would try to schedule the site visit before the holidays.

Other Business

Mr. Stidham provided an update on the Recreation Plan Subcommittee's progress and a progress report on the Berryville Area Development Authority's work updating the Berryville Area Plan.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

George L. Ohrstrom, II, Chair

Brandon Stidham, Planning Director